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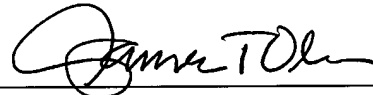
In response to the restriction requirement dated September 11, 2003, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-5, 8-13 and 16-19, drawn to compositions comprising first and second oligonucleotides or a dimeric structure comprising first and second oligonucleotides. Applicants respectfully note that the compositions of Group I are so closely related to their method of use as claimed in Group II (claims 6-7 and 14-15) that a search for both subject matters would not represent an undue burden in this case.

Accordingly, Applicants have elected Group I with traverse and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement so that all of the claims may be

considered together. Further and favorable consideration of all the claims of record on the merits is respectfully requested at this time.

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